

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## BOIL WATER ORDER FOR TECATE VISTA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

Test Results Show Bacteria Present in Drinking Water Supply

The County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has issued a Boil Water Order and Public Notification for Tecate Vista Mutual Water Company located at 444 Highway 188, Tecate, CA 91980 effective immediately. Repeat water samples collected and reported by the facility, confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water distribution system. *E. coli* bacteria was **absent** in all samples.

Total coliform bacteria can come from soils and other sources in the environment, and can indicate a problem with the water supply system. The Boil Water Order was issued to Tecate Vista Mutual Water Company to ensure all water used is free from contamination. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

Tecate Vista Mutual Water Company immediately took steps to prevent the public from coming in contact with the contaminated water by posting public notification.

For more information on the Boil Water Order, please contact Will Newbern at (619) 283-5515 ext.510.

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